

Marshall Elementary School

2015/16 Marshall Messenger

Doing our **BEST** work
Being our **BEST** selves



Thursday, December 3, 2015

Weekly Calendar

8:10 a.m. – Supervision Begins

- Students should not arrive prior to 8:10 a.m. unless attending the St. Mark's Program

8:10 a.m. – Breakfast Begins

8:25 a.m. – First Bell

8:40 a.m. – Tardy Bell

3:20 p.m. – Dismissal

- Note: students not picked up by 3:30 p.m. will be sent to the office to call for a ride

AM Preschool: 8:35-11:05 a.m.

PM Preschool: 12:45-3:15 p.m.

Monday 12/7/15

No Calendar Events

Tuesday 12/8/15

No Calendar Events

Wednesday 12/9/15

8:40 am – Life Skills (3M)

1:00 pm – Life Skills (3O)

2:00 pm – Life Skills (3T)

2:00 pm – Marshall Spelling Bee
Hearing Rechecks (K-2)

Thursday 12/10/15

Take Home Folders go home

Friday 12/11/15

1-hour late start (Teacher PD)

Upcoming Events...

12/16 – Dental Screenings for PreK

12/18 – 5th Grade to River Museum

12/23 – 1/4 – No School

Principal's Corner

Cooler Temperatures:

We are seeing much cooler temperatures (especially in the morning). With that said, I would ask that you make a point to ensure that your child is leaving the house dressed appropriately for the weather. If they have a light jacket or sweatshirt, they should be wearing it to school. They can always put it in their book bag, for after school, if the temperature warms up during the day.

Morning Arrival Time:

Please be sure that your children **DO NOT** arrive to school prior to 8:10 a.m. as there is no supervision until that time. Also, students are **NOT** allowed to play on the playground or playground equipment during our morning line-up time. Upon arrival they should go directly to their assigned lines.

Food Drive: Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent Food Drive. We were able to collect over 1,000 items to donate.



Winter Weather Guidelines...

* Students will be outside in the morning for line-up and for recess if the wind chill is **zero degrees** or above, so make sure they always wear the proper clothing for the weather.

* All students are required to bring boots to school every day beginning with the first snowfall. Additionally, students should have winter coats, hats and mittens / gloves at school each day.

* Students should have an extra pair of shoes at school (in addition to their boots), so they have something dry to wear on their feet during the school day.

* If students do not have boots they will be expected to remain on the blacktop at recess time, in order to keep their shoes and feet dry.

* All students who play in the snow or on the field are required to wear snow pants, hat, gloves and boots.

* **Note:** Families who need hats or gloves/mittens for their child should contact the school office as we have received donations from community groups for these items. Families are strongly encouraged to label your child's clothing with their first and last name. This will assist students to locate any lost or misplaced items.

It's a Great Day to be a Marshall Eagle!

Library News...

Please let me start with THANK YOU, THANK YOU, and THANK YOU! I know I say these words every year at this time, but I truly mean it. Together we have out done ourselves!

THANK YOU to Cremer's and Point Café putting donation boxes out for our "All for Books" collection. . **THANK YOU** for the fantastic "All for Books" week donations. We raised \$1080.00. All of this money was spent on new books for the library and classrooms. **THANK YOU** for supporting the Marshall Book Fair. Our book fair brought almost \$3000.00. That means with the added monies from "All for Books" we have around \$2200.00 to spend on new books.

Mrs. Neumann

Technology News...

The computer lab has been a busy place. K/1 have been working on getting logged into Lexia and First in Math. Don't Forget First in Math can be worked on at home. 2/3 have been busy working with Printing Press/Word/Tagxedo. 4/5 have been riding the Office train. We will continue the integration of technology into the already robust curriculum.

Mrs. Neumann

Fifth Grade News...

5th grade has gotten off to a great school year. It is hard to believe that the first trimester is already complete. We have some exciting field trips planned for the rest of the year. Please write these dates down to be prepared for the outings.

December 18 --- National Mississippi River Museum – We will be touring the museum, watching a 4-D movie and listening to a presentation of Native American folktales. We will be eating lunch there so please be sure to send a lunch if that is what your student signed up for.

January 15 – Eagle Watch (tentative) – We will have the opportunity to listen to presenters from the University of Minnesota Raptor Center and a Naturalist with the Dallas County Conservation Board. We will return to school in time to have lunch.

March 29 – Heitkamp Planetarium at Loras College – Loras students will present information on the stars and constellations in the planetarium. This is a great way for students to experience the universe rather than just reading about it. It will tie in perfectly with our science unit of Sun, Moon and Planets. Student will return in time to eat lunch at school.

May 20 – Heritage Pond – Staff persons from the Dubuque County Conservation will be conducting lessons on fishing and a pond study, and Marshall staff will supervise other outdoor activities. This is an all day field trip that we would love to have parent chaperones. Put the date on your calendar and more information will come later in the year.

Mr. Roth and Mrs. Runde

Counselor News...

Marshall students have spent the month of November learning more about citizenship and service. As we've talked about these virtues in community groups and morning meetings, students have gained a better understanding of what it means to volunteer in their school and community, and that kids really can make a difference.

As we soon turn the calendar, I've been searching for ways to make the month of December more meaningful for my own family. I have come across a wonderful resource encouraging random acts of kindness (or service) for each day in December.

You could use these ideas to create a service calendar or create one using your family's own ideas! Find more ideas at: www.coffeecupsandcrayons.com/100-acts-kindness-kids/

December Random Acts of Kindness...

1. Give a compliment to a friend
2. Tape change to a vending machine
3. Make a card for a soldier
4. Take coffee to your teacher
5. Pick up litter
6. Send a paper hug to someone you love
7. Tell a joke to someone to make them laugh
8. Give someone a hug coupon
9. Donate a book to the library or hospital
10. Leave a happy note for someone to find
11. Do yard work/shovel for a neighbor
12. Donate toys to your favorite charity
13. Sing songs at a nursing home
14. Call a faraway relative just to say hello
15. Make a thank you for your librarian
16. Do a chore for someone in your family
17. Donate food to your local food pantry
18. Leave a popcorn surprise at the Redbox
19. Smile at everyone you see today
20. Walk dogs at the animal shelter
21. Pay for a stranger's coffee
22. Give treats to the mail carrier
23. Feed the birds
24. Take cookies to the fire station
25. Tell someone why they are special to you
26. Help someone unload groceries at the store
27. Leave heads up pennies on the sidewalk
28. Write a poem for a friend
29. Read a book to someone younger than you
30. Let someone go ahead of you in line
31. Say "thank you" to a service member

Mrs. Hunold